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# High winds leave a trail of destruction

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ROADS were closed, trains cancelled and trees brought crashing down as stormforce winds and heavy rain battered Harlow on Christmas Eve.

One resident was woken up when a tree smashed into his Fold Croft home, writing off three cars

ing off three cars. Michael Gurden, 67, who works for Essex County Fire Service as an emergency planner, said: "The tree came down on top of three cars, two of which were on the drive. We cannot tell what kind of damage has been done to the house but we are hoping it is just superficial.

"One car is nearly in half. It is brand new, only six months old. Another has had its roof crushed and all three will probably be written off. I'm dealing with four different insurance companies for the cars and the house to try and see what will happen next.

"You can't prepare for a tree on council land falling on and damaging your property. It's not really what you need on Christmas."

Playhouse Square was also closed off on Tuesday morning after high winds ripped the facia from the roof of the town centre theatre. It was the second time the facia has been damaged due to severe weather conditions.

A tree fell onto the roof of a house in, High Wych, posing a danger. A retained fire crew from Sawbridgeworth attended the scene and requested the rescue support vehicle from St Albans. The tree was removed and a second tree was trimmed



to make the situation safe.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service received more than 90 calls to weatherrelated incidents from 6pm on Monday and into the early hours of Christmas Fve

The official highest wind gust in Essex on Monday night was 64mph at Shoeburyness, with an unofficial recording of 73mph at the Essex Police air base in Boreham. At Stansted Airport a gust of 55mph was recorded.

Weather forecasters said another storm is expected to track close to the UK today (Friday) and early warnings were issued by the Met Office.

AFTERMATH: *Top*, the tree that fell on a house and crushed three cars in Fold Croft, Harlow. *Above*, workmen on the roof of the Playhouse repair the damage

# Police plea after robbery victims are attacked in their own homes

POLICE are investigating two separate robberies in Harlow in which the victims were attacked and robbed in their own homes.

Detectives are also appealing for witnesses to a burglary in Felmongers at 1.30pm last Friday when two men smashed their way through the back door of a house and stole a quantity of jewellery and cash.

However, they were challenged by the homeowner who was punched in the face. The intruders then fled with the stolen items and ran off in the direction of First Avenue.

DC Neale Parker said: "We're looking for witnesses who saw these two young men running away and on the nearby Mark Hall roundabout between 1.30pm and 2pm.

"Motorists who were travelling during this late lunchbreak period could help us with the direction they then subsequently headed off towards."

The intruders are both described as white and of slim build. One is around foft zins tall and aged in his late teens or early 20s, while his accomplice is approximately 5ft 7ins tall, has a "boyish" face and is aged in his midteens.

A search of the area was carried out with the police helicopter assisting officers on the ground but to no avail.

Police are also seeking witnesses to an incident at 6.30pm on Wednesday, December 11 in Shawbridge. A man opened his front door to three men who assaulted him and then stole a four-fleure sum from a safe in his house.

Anyone with information on either incident should contact detectives at Harlow police station on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111

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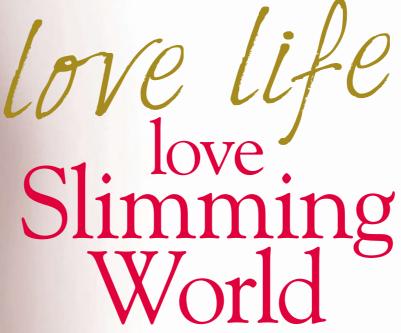
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A FRESH appeal for witnesses has been made this week by police investigating the death of a man and his dog in a crash

in Harlow.

Andrew Wiggins, 50, was struck by a lorry on Second Avenue shortly after 4pm on Monday (December 16).

Mr Wiggins, from Great Brays, who had been out walking his dogs at the time, was certified dead at the scene. One dog also

died in the accident.
A section of the road was closed for four hours while collision investigators carried out inquiries. Tributes have been left at a lamppost at the scene of the incident to West Ham fan Mr Wiggins.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Essex Police's Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 01245 240590

# New academy gets sponsor

BUILDING can continue at a new academy in Harlow after a sponsor was chosen by the Department for Education.

REAch2 has been confirmed as the sponsor for the Rivermill Academy, in Hodings Road - a new primary school to ease pressure on school places in the town.

The project, funded through the Government's Targeted Basic Need bid, will provide space for 210

primary school pupils. Further details will be made available next year.

Essex County councillor Ray Gooding, cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, said: "Having sponsorship finalised means we can now continue to progress with the process of building the new school which willl make significant steps in combatting the pressures on school places.

# Charity's haven provides a shelter for the homeless



THE Christmas Haven has opened its doors for the homeless of Harlow for 10 days.

The haven, which opened on Monday, is based at held at Great Parndon Community Association and will provide shelter, beds, food and clothing for the homeless until Wednesday (January 1) when it

Jo Busson, vice chair of Harlow Chocolate Run, said: "Guests started arriving at midday and they were welcomed by staff and volunteers who will be overseeing the haven.

"We encourage people that are homeless or have no one to share Christmas with to come to the haven where it's warm, there's food and there is always someone to talk

"Without our volunteers we wouldn't be able to run the haven."

# **Labour fury at MP** over 'bedroom tax'

HARLOW Council's ruling Labour group have called for Tory MP Robert Halfon to be held to account over the Government's bedroom tax policy.
At last Thursday's meeting Cllr

Mike Danvers proposed a motion which said the council was 'appalled" that Mr Halfon voted in favour of the single room supplement and, when given further opportunity to "correct this mistake" was absent from a recent Parliamentary vote.

The motion, which was passed,

called on Mr Halfon to "own up to his mistake and seek to rectify and reverse the decision".

Cllr Danvers, whose motion was seconded by Cllr Jean Clark, added: "There are a number of issues when, in my opinion, he says one thing locally and then votes a different way in Parliament.

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"He has campaigned very well in terms of homelessness but this very malicious act (bedroom tax) will actually affect homelessness in the

"I gather he was unable to attend the second vote when the Labour opposition actually used one of its supply dates because he was in a Parliamentary delegation to Iraq and goodness knows how much

But Cllr Andrew Johnson, leader of the Conservative group on the council, slammed the criticism of Mr Halfon as "disgusting", accusing the MP's critics of criticising him in

a forum where he could not respond.
He added: "The policy gives people with more bedrooms than they need an incentive to downsize and allows us to deal with the many thousands of families stuck in a property which is inadequate for their needs. How many of us as councillors have dealt with the gut-wrenching and heartbreaking issue of overcrowding? That is what this policy will solve."

Speaking after the meeting, Mr Halfon told the **Star**: "First of all there were 46 Labour MPs that were with me on the (Iraq) trip, which was not funded by the taxpayer. The law had already been passed so I did not have to be there anyway.

The single room supplement is designed to help overcrowding. I have people coming to me in my surgeries saying that they are a family of five and someone is having to sleep in the living room.

"It is not a tax; it means that you get less benefits it you have a spare

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# READERSLETTERS

# Threatened children's centre is a victim of the postcode lottery

SIR, To hear the news that The Maples children's centre in Harlow may be closed is truly saddening and shocking. The Maples is and has been a lifeline for many parents of children with special

giving welcome respite to them and their families.

Tory-led Essex County Council has intimated that the demand for places has fallen. The usage in 2010 was 97.3 per cent and in 2012 it was 78.3 per cent. This is an unfair statistic; the demand for places has not fallen but the criteria for approval has been tightened and this means many fewer

approvals for families.

This is just another case of postcode lottery and Essex County Council hitting Harlow the hardest with its cuts. Yet again it is services in Harlow, an area of need, that are up for the axe.

Nothing is ever easy for families with children with special needs, especially those with very challenging behaviour who are very hard to place anywhere but a specialist facility like The Maples. Many of these children, especially the ones

on the autistic spectrum, need certainty and hate change. The Maples, with its excellent staff, adopt to meeting these specific needs.

These families and children deserve our support. We urge **Star** readers to comment on the consultation (essexinsight.org.uk/ consultations) and fight to save this invaluable service in Harlow.

Suzy Stride Labour parliamentary candidate for Harlow Clir Karen Clempner Labour county councillor for Harlow West

# These are the real reasons for serious lack of social housing

SIR, Clare Harrison's original letter in response to the news that Harlow Council had agreed to build a very small amount of social housing expressed the completely understandable frustration of those who have been on the housing list for a very long time and who are still waiting to be housed

We agree that it is wrong that working people should have to pay high rents to private landlords or live with their parents well beyond the time when they should be able to live independently and start their

own families.
Since her letter was published there have been numerous others on the subject, most of which have attacked foreign workers. In our view this is not the real problem but it suits our bosses that we think so.

As long as working people fight amongst themselves over the few scraps of housing and work that are thrown our way, and as long as we continue to direct our anger at this group of workers or that, the bosses and the landlords can happily carry on making a profit out of our economic hardship without risk of us actually organising ourselves together and demanding proper solutions to problems.

We will never know the power we could have to change things for the better for everyone while we blame foreigners or even

# **PHOTO** OF THE WEEK



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so-called scroungers for our common plight.

There has been for a long time now a serious lack of social housing. Nationally, throughout the 20th century, socialists successfully fought for decent housing for the working classes. Harlow itself was for many years a socialist town with a proud history of well designed social housing, a programme that came to an end with Margaret Thatcher's right-to-buy scheme of which many people in Harlow understandably took advantage.

However, people were lied to about replacing those sold-off homes with new council housing. The profits from their sales were kept and today in some parts of the country up to one third of old council homes are actually in the hands of private landlords, so there is very little council house stock left to offer.

Socialists have consistently called for a concerted effort to build up the stock of council houses and flats to house all the people who need them. Of course Ms Harrison should be housed; so too should foreign workers be housed.

foreign workers be housed.

Our ageing population depends on their contribution to keep services running and pay our pensions. Working people do not need to fall for the trick that they should blame each other for the problem.

Put the problem where it belongs, with the lack of political will and the lack of funding to build more house.

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# A show of contempt for the town's poorest householders

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**SIR**, In a radio interview on BBC Essex on Thursday, November 7 Harlow councillor Tony Durcan was asked to comment on the fact that nearly 1,000 jobless householders had been issued with court summonses for non-payment of council tax.

He said that involving the courts had actually helped both sides involved in setting an amount the non-payers should contribute because it was "independent". Cllr Durcan's comments were incorrect;

the court does not set an amount. The granting of a Liability Order by the magistrates court is a rubber-stamp exercise. For example, on September 3 Chelmsford Magistrates Court granted Harlow Council 437 Liability Orders. Once a Liability Order has been issued against a jobless householder the council writes to that person informing them of the fact that it has been issued and enclosing a Council Tax Request For Information Form. This form is a statement of financial circumstances. Those to whom the form has been sent are legally required to fill in Part B and it has to be returned within 14 days.

There is a box on the form entitled 'Offer to clear debt'. If someone writes an amount in the box less than that which Harlow Council is demanding then the council applies for an Attachment of Benefit order. This is for a standard amount - £3.60 per week - irrespective of circumstances. The court is not at all involved in deciding how much money should be deducted from the benefit of the jobless householder.

Given that Cllr Durcan, as portfolio holder

for resources, is responsible for the administration of Harlow's Localised Council Tax Support scheme, is his failure to fully inform himself of the consequences of that scheme for the poorest householders in the town a gross dereliction of duty?

He responded to the above question at a cabinet meeting on December 12 with a simple "no". When asked if he would give a report to each full council meeting on the effects of the Localised Council Tax Support scheme on the jobless householders of Harlow he again responded with a terse

Forty-three per cent of jobless householders in Harlow have defaulted on their council tax bills and 29 per cent have received court summonses. I believe that I am not alone in regarding the responses of Cllr Durcan as contemptuous of the poorest householders in the town

John Wake

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# No-one with autism should be made to wait for a diagnosis

SIR, Earlier this month singer Susan Boyle revealed that she was diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome.

Like the many other adults with autism who are diagnosed relatively late in life, Susan said that finally getting a diagnosis was a great source of relief, providing an explanation for years of feeling 'different'.

But there are practical benefits to diagnosis as well – as they should, in theory, allow people to access all the local help and support they need. This is help and support that was promised to them by 2009's Autism Act – England's first disability and significant of the support that was promised to them by 2009's Autism Act – England's first disability and first the support of the su Act - England's first disability specific piece of legislation.

In the four years since the Act there has been some progress in providing people with autism with what they need but it's been patchy and many of the some 460,000 adults with autism across England are still waiting. Susan Boyle's story has caught the public's

attention and got people talking about autism and the effect that it has on people's lives. That's great, but what we need now is for Government to take notice of the fact that too many people are still waiting for the everyday support they need.
That's why I hope that **Star** readers will

join me in supporting the National Autistic Society's Push for Action campaign (www. autism.org.uk/push). Together we can work to put the needs of needs of adults with autism front and centre.

No-one with autism should wait for a diagnosis or for the support they need. We have a chance to make a huge difference to lives across our area. It must not go to

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# High Sheriff taken on a tour of town

THE High Sheriff of Essex was taken on a guided tour of Harlow during a visit to

Julia Abel Smith, who is the Queen's representative in the county, met staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital, who delivered a presentation on the DAISY Project which aims to protect abused women She also spent

time meeting Harlow Counci's community safety team and visited the kennels where the team's working dogs are

housed, *pictured left*. The High Sheriff ended her trip with a visit to the Harlow Islamic Centre in Paringdon Road where she was introduced to community leaders before returning for a meeting with members of Harlow Youth Council at the Civic Centre.

She said: "Having attended the Spring Domestic Abuse Conference held by Harlow Council, I was delighted to visit the **DAISY Project at Princess** Alexandra Hospital and hear more about its work from the practitioners themselves. "As the Queen's

representative for law and order in Essex. I was verv pleased to hear about the work of the community safety team and enjoyed meeting the Rangers with their German Shepherd dogs.

"I was received at Harlow Islamic Centre with a wonderful welcome and warm hospitality and was most grateful for the opportunity to learn about the religion and culture of Islam.

"Finally, it was a great pleasure for me to meet members of Harlow Youth Council: wonderful young people with high aspirations."



# 'Road rage' cop lost temper over jogger's gesture

A POLICEMAN from Harlow has been fined £525 and ordered to pay more than £700 in court costs, compensation and a victim surcharge after being convicted of assaulting a woman jogger in a road rage incident.

Magistrates were told the incident involving

Simon Ball, 36 - who pleaded not guilty to assault - took place in Ashworth Place at Church Langley on March 21 this year

Prior to the assault the victim, who was out jogging as part of her training for a charity race, was said to have made an obscene gesture at Ball, who had been undertaking a u-turn manoeuvre.

Prosecutor Joe Bird told Chelmsford Court: "It was a road rage incident. The victim was out jogging and Ball was doing a u-turn. There's a dispute as to whether she got in his way when he went towards her and she made a gesture.

"He pulled up alongside her and she ran down a path and made the gesture. He drove his car into Ashworth Place - further along her route and he saw her coming down the road.

"He approached her – it is suggested - with his warrant card. She didn't see it and he restrained

her and put her to the floor for the assault." Giving evidence, the victim said: "I was running down Kiln Lane and he was doing a u-turn. As I crossed the road I noticed the car swing out

in the direction I was running."

She added: "I could hear muffled shouting from his car, I could hear it through the music on my earphones. He was asking me what my problem was and why was I in the road? I continued running and stuck up my middle finger. "Further on I had to cross the road again. He

was in Ashworth Place; he had got out of his car and moved towards my direction. His car was on the pavement blocking cars into Ashworth

Place as though it had been parked very quickly.
"He was coming towards me and talked in a very aggressive way. I stopped running, walked COURT REPORTER

at a slower pace and took my headphones out. He said 'Who do you think you are swearing at?', referring to the finger incident."

She said he then told her: "Don't tell me what to do. I can do what I want because I'm a police-

She said he was holding something very close to her face. "I put my hand out and said 'get out of my face' and the card ended up in my hand. I pushed it towards his chest to give it back to him. He was very aggressive, shouting something towards me

"Then he grabbed me and threw me to the ground. He grabbed the left side of my face with his right hand very forcefully. He was pushing my face into the ground and had his knee in my back.

"I was trying to struggle free but he was fully on top of me. He said he was trying to detain me because he was a police officer."

The victim suffered a bruised cheekbone, scratches to her face, a grazed elbow and knee and a swollen thumb.

She added: "I didn't believe he was a police

officer. He didn't say I was under arrest or identify himself'

Ball said he had taken her down in the way he did in order to arrest her.

The court was told that Ball, who serves with

the Hertfordshire Constabulary, had been a police officer for more than 12 years but for the past six years he had been doing desk duties

and had not made an arrest during that time.
Passing sentence, district judge John Woolard
told Ball: "The red mist descended in an
uncharacteristic but serious way. You tracked her down and went beyond your powers as a police officer.

# Ambulance trust appoints new CEO

THE East of England Ambulance Service NHS

Trust has appointed a new chief executive.

Dr Anthony Marsh, who is currently chief executive of the West Midlands Ambulance Service Foundation Trust, will combine the roles when he takes up the post on January 1.

Dr Marsh said: "I am absolutely determined to

work with the staff to continue the improvements that have been started and take them to the next level.

"Whilst it will not be easy, I have every confi-

dence that with the support of the staff, we can really make a difference to the care that we provide to patients.

EEAST chairman Dr Geoffrey Harris said: "This is an important step forward for the trust

as we focus on transforming the service.
"Transforming our ambulance service is going to take time, but we have made a start. We are making changes and seeing early signs of improvement. Anthony will undoubtedly help us build on and accelerate this work.'

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KINGSMOOR House was konce a hub of activity with a variety of family and children's groups using it as a base.

The Paringdon Road building, which is owned by Harlow Council, was home to many of the town's family services. In April 1986 it marked the fifth anniversary of being taken over by the council by holding a week of events.

There were exhibitions, talks, workshops and discussions on health care for children, drug dependency, healthy eating and other social issues.

The anniversary week also

The anniversary week also included coffee mornings, a health panel and a demonstration on how to wear a sari.

Volunteers helped run many of the events and classes at Kingsmoor Houser. Among them were Bob and Vi Ager, who ran the toy library where residents could borrow toys for 10p for two weeks.

Kingsmoor House opened its doors in April 1981 after the derelict building was turned into a modern family centre.

Before it was used by Harlow Council, Kingsmoor House, was the Risden family's manor home based in then rural Great Parndon and became a



pre-school, day care and nursery education facility which evolved to include Mencap playgroup and an after-school care scheme called Hobby House.

The top floors of the large Victorian mansion housed the Stort Enterprise Trust, marriage guidance counselling and the Kingsmoor Community Office.

In 1986, the stable block of Kingsmoor House was officially opened for families, groups, and children with disabilities.

Mencap Playgroup moved from the Grade II listed manor house to the stable blocks that featured a soft room, adventure playground and specially designed patio in the late 1980s.

Kingsmoor House was granted planning permission to be converted into nine flats by the councill but the building has been boarded up and has stood empty for several years.

● Do you remember visiting Kingsmoor House as a child, or volunteering at one of the many groups or services held there? Share your memories and photos with *Nostalgia* by calling (01279) 400 577, emailing star@hertsesse news.co.uk or by post to 6 West Gate, Harlow, CM20 1JW.



# £121k spent on new-look school pool

HARLOW Council helped Stewards make a splash in the late 1980s when it opened the school's swimming pool to the public.

swimming pool to the public. The pool reopened in June 1986 after being closed for a year for major improvements.

major improvements.

The £121,000 makeover included upgraded changing rooms, a heating system for the pool, storage and a separate entrance for the public

system for the pool, storage and a separate entrance for the public. Residents who enjoyed swimming could visit the pool, which was open outside of school hours, for only 70p for adults and 35p for under 16s. An adult monthly season ticket cost £7.50 and a junior season ticket was £3.75

The new-look pool was opened by Harlow Council chairman Laurie Smith on June 14, 1986. The picture on the left shows some of the people who donned Edwardian swimming costumes for the occasion.

 Do you remember the swimming pool at Stewards School or were you there when it reopened? If so, contact Nostalgia on (01279) 400577 or email star@hertsessexnews.co. uk.



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# **Reflecting on a year of ups and downs**

TOGETHER, we have gone through the best of times and the worst of times. The tragic deaths of the Shakoor family and the recent deaths of members of the Ducusin family in the Philippines being examples of real pain in our community. However at both times Harlow came

However at both times Harlow came together and the outpouring of kindness and generosity from so many in response to such terrible events shows why it is a very special place and a town I am proud to represent as MP.

We have some good news too, with the Government announcing a brand new pre-annertice school that

We have some good news too, with the Government announcing a brand new pre-apprentice school that will open next September with £10m of funding and is free for all who apply. We have also had an extra £5.7m given to A&E services at Princess Alexandra Hospital, a £472,000 grant to St. Clare Hospice and £1.5m spent on a new kidney unit which will benefit Harlow residents.

residents.

It has also been great that Harlow College is still the best in England according to Government statistics and we have the highest rate of business growth in the UK.

For many residents it has

For many residents it has also been a tough year and I do everything possible to represent you in Parliament, especially

# **VIEW FROM WESTMINSTER**



when it is about the cost of living. We have got fuel duty frozen, energy prices will be cut by £50 next year and free school meals will be given to all children in their first three years of primary school.

primary school.

I led a long battle for low income students eligible for free school meals at Harlow College to get them, and after years of saying no the Government has now agreed to it. Rail fares will also be capped at inflation in 2014 and there will be more tax cuts for those on low incomes.

There is also good economic news as unemployment is down in Harlow and is now lower than it was when I was elected. We still have to do more to help young people who are unemployed and this is why the Government is scrapping employers' National Insurance contributions on employees who are under 21.

For the second year in a row, I organised a jobs fair which had hundreds of jobs on offer and which 2,000 attended. The number of apprentices is up by 82 per cent in Harlow and I continue to do all that I can to encourage this number to grow.

As Star readers will know, the future of The Maples centre in Harlow, which provides respite breaks for disabled

children, is now subject to an Essex County Council

consultation.

Although I have been assured by ECC that no final decision about the centre's future will be taken unless alternative services that meet local needs are in place, I strongly believe that The Maples should be kept open.

open.
The centre acts as a lifeline to many local children and a closure would almost certainly be detrimental to them and their families.

their families.
I have launched a petition which has already been signed by 1,600 people and have tabled a Parliamentary motion supporting The Maples. I have spoken about my support for The Maples in Parliament and will continue to do everything I can to safeguard this fantastic facility.

FINALLY I would like to wish every **Star** reader a very happy and peaceful, new year.

# Army medic Marc leads team home in marathon

A SOLDIER from Old Harlow serving in the medical corps has completed the Berlin Marathon for charity despite having just two weeks to prepare.

weeks to prepare.
Private Marc Eagle - who serves with Two Medical Regiment Royal Army Medical Corps in northern Germany and is part of the rear operations group supporting the 7th Armoured Brigade deployed on operations in Afghanistan - was part of a team of seven who took on the 26.2-mile challenge in aid of The Army Benevolent Fund.

However, the 26-year-old from Churchgate Street, pictured right, only had a fortnight to prepare due to his operational training commitments

ments.

"The marathon started slow and quite crowded so for the first couple of miles we were forced to dodge in between people in an effort to find our own pace," he said.

"My lowest point was when my watch reset itself. We ran in pairs to help each other along and I was using my watch to pace how we were doing. At the 20-mile point it just went off and I couldn't believe it."

Private Eagle completed the mara-

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thon in 3hrs 40 minutes, the first member of the team to finish. "I don't think I really ran over the finish line, I think it was more of a stumble," he added.

"The high point had to be collecting my medal and then finding out that I was first for our team."

was first for our team.
The team raised £3,000
for the ABF, which provides lifetime financial
support to helping serving and retired soldiers
and their families.

Although fully trained and prepared to deploy to Afghanistan, Private Eagle will continue his military service preparing other soldiers to provide medical assistance on operations as the Army moves forward into its new role training for contingency operations



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run by thermal expert Damart, to win the all-expenses trip. The winner will be decided by a

The 80-year-old developed a passion for the sport over a decade ago and having trained

impairments, was approached to become manager of the British disabled ski team. Graham said: "Through work,

I have realised that to these

skiers, physical impairments aren't seen as an obstacle '

To vote for Graham visit www. damart co uk/icelandicadventure, or alternatively

Facebook users can vote at www.facebook.com/damartuk.

Hobbycraft hamper

for Haven Hospice

treats to Haven House Children's

The donation was made as

part of a national partnership

between the arts and crafts

store and Together for Short Lives, a charity for children's

Harlow store manager lan

Rees said: "We're delighted to

donate a festive hamper to Haven House Children's

Hospital.
"It's a time of the year for

crafty, and to really enjoy themselves

Haven House Children's

Hospice cares for children and

children to have some fun being

hospices, which was named the store's charity of the year for

**HOBBYCRAFT Harlow has** 

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# Bingo! Christmas gifts delivered to children's ward



KIND-hearted customers and staff at Mecca Bingo in Harlow spread festive cheer when they visited Princess Alexandra Hospital to deliver Christmas

gifts to children on Dolphin Ward. Mecca Harlow general manager, Matt Wilkes and staff member Lisa Ayres delivered the presents to youngsters on

With the help of PAH staff, the bingo hall compiled a list of 50 approved gifts which could be brought for children at the hospital to open on Christmas Day. These were written on gift tags and hung

on Mecca's Christmas tree in the reception area of th venue. Customers and staff then took the tags, bought the gifts and returned them to the bingo hall.

Mr Wilkes said: "It went really well. It was the first time we have done this for the children's ward but it is something we would want to do again in the future.

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The company's raffle, in which customers could win a Christmas hamper, also raised money to buy a gift for Dolphin Ward while a bucket run raised more than £200 which will go towards new equipment.

to give them the 50 gifts we had received," Matt added.

successful and I am told that money will go towards much-needed equipment for the ward.

"The donations were a success and we children's ward once more with an emphasis on some bigger gifts that the

"We had Robert Halfon, our MP, there and myself and Lisa went to the hospital

"Our charity bucket run was also pretty

will do it again next year, probably for the

# young people in west Essex who have life-limiting conditions. Rotary's cash for No Child Without

NO Child Without received a present of its own when the Harlow Tye Rotary Club made a

donation to the new charity. Bernie Gardner of the Rotary group presented Dave Archer, who founded the charity, with a cheque for £200 which will go towards supporting local children's education.

Mr cArcher, a teacher at Passmores Academy in Harlow, said: "My grandfather used to be chair of the Harlow Rotary when he was alive, so it is great that it seems to have come full

"They are a great organisation that help so many people. It means a great deal to our charity and we look forward to working with them."

# Lottery winners

THE winner of the £1,000 first prize in the St Clare Hospice lottery drawn on Friday, December 20 was ticket holder 277786, who lives in North

The £100 second prize was won by ticketholder 133483, who lives

College tutor takes on chilly charity dip below, has set himself a target of £200. He said: "No one involved in racing will ever forget the day Henry died. My students are the age he was, and that

A LECTURER in journalism at Harlow College is making the headlines after putting aside this year's Christmas comforts to take part in a chilly charity motivates me even more to support the fundraiser.
Andy Darley, 45, took part in foundation. Cromer's Boxing Day dip in honour of young racing driver, Henry Surtees and is raising "I was nervous about the event as I'm no great fan of the cold, but the mad rush of everyone across the beach money for the charity set up carried me in before I had following the 18-year-old's time to lose my nerve! death in an accident during a Formula 2 race in 2009. To sponsor Andy visit uk.virginmoneygiving. The Henry Surtee com/AndyDarley. Foundation, set up by Henry's father John Surtees OBE, aims to help people injured in accidents return to a normal life. Andy, pictured

# 2014 promises to be another good year

As we approach the end of 2013, Harlow Council has made real progress this year to improve the town and 2014 promises to be another good year.

Harlow is a great place to live, to work and to visit and in 2014 the council will continue to do all it can to improve it and ensure the town gets the investment it needs.

Next year work will start on restoring and improving our beloved Town Park including revamping Pets' Corner - as part of our £2.8m programme. The brand new University Technical College - Sir Charles Kao UTC - will take its first students in September which will really help to improve the aspirations of our young people.

This year more than 1,500 home improvements funded by rents have been made to



By Cllr Mark Wilkinson Leader, Harlow Council

council homes. Our modernisation programme will continue next year with even more improvements being made to change our tenants' lives.

We are also hopeful that our building programme to provide the first new council homes for rent for almost 25 years will get under way in the summer.

The Enterprise Zone at London Road and Templefields North East is also making progress and announcements should be made in the new year about the investment the private sector is making in it and about road improvements to support ir

These road improvements will not just improve access to the Enterprise Zone sites but tackle traffic congestion issues for everyone in the town.

Once again due to further reductions in Government funding we have some difficult choices to make about services. The council will do all it can to protect frontline services despite the financial challenges it faces.

I will keep you up to date on these decisions and our plans for the future in this column.

Meanwhile, I wish all **Star** readers a very happy New Year.

# School among best in region

**BIANCA CASTRO** 

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A SCHOOL in Harlow is one of just three bucking the 'weak' leadership trend in the east of England, according to Ofsted's annual report.

Burnt Mill Academy, in First Avenue, was praised by the school inspection body for its "excellent leadership" which "drives improvements" alongside an academy in Norfolk and a primary school near King's Lynn.

The report said: "The headteacher of Burnt Mill Academy provides exceptionally strong and effective leadership, which is driving the significant improvements seen in the academy.

"All staff are dedicated to its fur-

"All staff are dedicated to its further improvement and continued success."

Leadership in schools in the east of England is the weakest of all UK regions but varies hugely throughout the area, according to Ofsted. Headteacher Helena Mills, who

Headteacher Helena Mills, who took over the school in 2009, has succeeded in raising the academy's Ofsted rating from satisfactory to outstanding during this period.

She said: "It is a great honour to be named by the HMCI for schools and to receive acknowledgement for everything my team and I have done in the last four years to ensure that Burnt Mill has only outstanding teachers in front of our children.

"However, as people close to me know, I don't run a school to please Ofsted. I do what I do to ensure our students can achieve amazing things.

"We are delighted we received an outstanding under a tough new Ofsted framework, but we are not complacent and have now started the next stage of our journey from outstanding to world class

outstanding to world class.
"I am very lucky to lead such a fantastic school with such ambitious students, parents and staff."



# Carol singers serenade town centre shoppers

HUNDREDS of residents came together to sing Christmas carols in the Harvey Centre.

People from schools, charities, churches, Harlow Council and the town's businesses took part in the Heart 4 Harlow singalong and performed a variety of popular songs.

The evening kicked off with Henry Moore School's 60-strong choir conducted beatheacher Mary Guy-Evans.

The Heart 4 Harlow band and area dean Martin Harris led the crowd in singing carols

Town chaplain for Heart 4 Harlow Robert Findlay said: "The choir of children from Henry Moore School inspired the crowd and our Harlow MP Robert Halfon was there too.

"We sang carols to celebrate the Christmas story, and there were so many people there. It was a wonderful evening."

Harlow Council chair Linda Pailing added: "It was a wonderful and joyous occasion, a real community gathering to be proud of"

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# Hundreds turn out for Essex boy Joey

FANS of *The Only Way Is Essex* got to meet star Joey Essex in Harlow.

Hundreds of fans queued for hours to

meet the reality TV star, who recently finished fourth on ITV's I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!

He was at Flirt studios in West Walk to sign his new calendar and meet fans.

Joey said: "Really excited today. It's nice to be in my home town Essex and be meeting." all the Essex fans ... since I've been back from the jungle to see all the homies. I'm looking forward to it – there are quite a few people out there. Hopefully we'll get to meet

He added: "I've worked in Harlow before, but I've never done a signing here before so there are a lot of big fans that I haven't met

**PHOTOS BY STEVE WEEMES** 

before, so I'm excited."

Joey wasn't worried about signing his name hundreds of times and said: "My hand's sweet, man, my hand's used to it and my cheekbones and my smile – it's all good. I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone.

Tearful Alice Purton-Haynes, below left with sisters Katie, 15, and Rosie, 10, was meeting Joey for the third time, but today

was extra special as it was her 16th birthday. She said: "It's the best birthday present and Christmas, too. I'm so happy.

@JoeyEssex\_ Wow!!! Lovely to meet everyone today at Harlow. Love you all x thank you.

oeyEssex\_ Fantastic meeting him lay, made my daughter very happy, e very happy tearful Lauren said it

happiest girl! Hope u enjoy the cupcake & the Christmas card!

©hazza\_1064 Met Joey Essex in harlow, Q'd 3 hours but it was worth it, and got calendar signed !#creepysickk!

Still can't believe I met @JoeyEssex\_yday, travelling to Harlow was long but I love him soo much it made my year

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# **Chopping their locks for charity**



pestering she said yes. She said: "Abbie wanted to do it since Molly

was diagnosed and we kept putting it off. She's not fazed by the cut, she just says it will

her classmates at Burnt Mill Academy on First Avenue at an event she called The Big

Abbie decided to shave her head when family friend Molly, 17, was diagnosed with

lymphoma last year.

Molly, who has now been given the allclear, was devastated when she lost her hair through treatment and Abbie wanted to show her support.

Abbie's mum Tracy Jarvis was reluctant to let her daughter cut her hair but after lots of A MUM-of two had almost two feet of her hair chopped off for charity. Community support worker Lorraine Welsh, of

Carters Mead, raised almost £200 for ITV's Text Santa appeal. Lorraine, 25, said: "Really it was a bit of a whim.

I just decided I wanted to do something and not because someone I knew had been affected.

"Why wait, I thought. So many people wait until someone has been affected but you never know when it will happen so I just decided to do it." Lorraine had her locks cut off at The Essex Skipper pub in The Stow. Her two children Riley, 4, and Freya, 2, - have been their mum's

biggest supporters.
Lorraine said: "Riley didn't want me to do it. He said I wouldn't be beautiful but then when I came home the first thing he said was 'mummy you're still beautiful'."
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Several subjects are delivered online to the school from the Cambridge Centre for Sixth-form Studies. Students Katie

Templeton Knight and Imogen Wade, pictured right, have gained a GCSE in psychology through the course.

Deputy headteacher Terry Ayres said: "Cambridge-e has offered my most able pupils the opportunity to study an additional GCSE and develop their independent learning.

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# Independent steps into the future | Farewell to school stalwart Marilyn



LATTON GREEN PRIMARY Children and staff held a farewell assembly for school stalwart Marilyn Pembroke who is retiring after 27 years of service.

Mrs Pembroke is the Riddings Lane school's oldest serving member of staff. She started there in November 1986 as a relief teaching assistant before taking on the role as a

permanent member of staff.

Acting headteacher Elizabeth Laysell said: "Marilyn has not only seen our current children but also some of their parents through their first years at school.

"We will miss her presence around the school and we hope she will continue to attend our events in the future.

# Santa's visit on the last day of term



# JEROUNDS INFANT SCHOOL Youngsters

welcomed a very special visitor to the Pyenest Road school on their last day before breaking up for the Christmas

holiday. Santa and two of his reindeer dropped in to meet the youngsters and wish them

a very merry Christmas The visit is an annual occurrence at the school, where children also tucked into a festive lunchtime meal and were presented with a

The visit was organised by the Friends of Jerounds

A school spokeswoman said: "Santa checked his good list and decided to give children at Jerounds Infants School a special treat. It was a really lovely visit and he gave all the children a gift each. "The children have worked

very hard this year so it was lovely to let them start their Christmas celebrations

# Students care for the community



BURNT MILL ACADEMY Students at the First Avenue school have been working hard to build links with the community.

The school choir sang Christmas carols at the Leah Manning Centre while Year 7 pupils delivered gifts of chocolate to families living in the vicinity of the school.

The baking club put their skills to good use when they made 300 gingerbread shapes which they donated to homeless charities

Streets2Homes and the Harlow Chocolate

Hannah Jones, who is responsible for community cohesion, said: "Our mission is to carry out different acts in the community at

least once a month.
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# Troublemakers risk being barred from town's licensed premises

NEW Year revellers in Harlow have been warned they could be banned from the town's licensed premises if they cause trouble.

Behave or Be Banned (BOBB), the national scheme which aims to reduce alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour, is in place in many premises across Harlow.

People who cause a nuisance in pubs, clubs and bars face being banned from all of them under the scheme which is operated under Pubwatch, a operated under Pubwatch, a co-operative venture which includes managers of licensed premises working in partnership with local businesses and agencies such as the police, local authorities, fire service and trading standards.

The scheme was introduced to Harlow in a bid to cut down on drink and drug-related crime.

drink and drug-related crime. Under the BOBB scheme

anyone cautioned. reprimanded, given a formal warning or charged with acts of violence, causing criminal damage, public order offences (including using threatening words or behaviour) or

possession of a controlled drug will be banned from every

will be banned from every licensed premise in the town centre signed up to the scheme.

Harlow Council's licensing team, in conjunction with Essex Police arrange and extended. Police, arrange and attend meetings with licensed premises in the town centre which are signed up to both Pubwatch and BOBB on a monthly basis and once every two months with licensed pubs/ members clubs outside of the town centre. Cllr Ian Beckett, chair of the

council's licensing committee, said: "We don't want people coming to enjoy a night out in Harlow to be put off by troublemakers; we want people to relax and enjoy themselves. "The BOBB and Pubwatch

initiatives are part of making the town centre a safer place to go in the evenings.
"There will, unfortunately, be

the odd one or two people who are out to cause trouble. If people misbehave the BOBB scheme will ensure those people are banned from all licensed premises signed up to the scheme across the town."

# **Competition winner Emma is** quids in with store vouchers

ONE lucky shopper received £1,000 worth of vouchers after winning a competition run by the Harvey Centre. Emma Tuffen, 21, of Aylets Field, Harlow, was given the choice of shops in which she wanted to spend the

vouchers and picked Iceland, Game, Primark. Wilkinson's, Argos

and Tesco.
She said: "I was shocked to win but I'm really happy. I'll buy myself a laptop with some of the vouchers and I'll give some to my mum too.'

A centre spokeswoman said: "Emma is our last winner of the year.



There was a lot of happy screaming in the background when we called to give her the good

'We're very happy to be giving Emma the vouchers just

before Christmas. It's a great way to end the year." Emma is pictured receiving her voucher from Harvey Centre manager Bryan Young.

# Flushed with success: shoppers' toilets worthy of platinum award

SHOPPERS in Harlow's Harvey Centre can spend a penny with confidence after the mall's toilets won a national award.

The centre has been awarded a platinum grade Loo of the Year Award in the shopping centre category in this year's search to find the best 'away from home' toilets in the UK.

Centre manager Bryan Young said: "We're very proud of our team who work hard to keep the centre's toilets at such a high standard, so it's great to be acknowledged with this award.

"With development works in progress at the centre it's been a real challenge to keep standards high for our

customers.
"We're thrilled that our efforts

and hard work have been recognised.

The Loo of the Year Awards have been identifying the best toilets in Britain since 1987 and are recognised as standard setters for those who provide facilities for staff, customers and visitors.

Each entry received an unannounced visit from an authorised inspector and was authorised inspection and was assessed against 100 judging criteria, including signage and décor, fixtures and fittings, and overall standards of cleanliness

and management. The 2013 Awards received 1,424 entries across sixty separate entries categories, with platinum grading being the highest award possible.

# Hospice helps shine a light on loved ones











FAMILIES and friends took the opportunity to remember their loved ones at 'Light Up A Life' services held

by St Clare Hospice.

They joined together to celebrate the lives of those they had lost at ceremonies held at the hospice in Hastingwood as well as at churches in Harlow,

Epping, Loughton, Ongar, Stansted, Dunmow and Waltham Abbey.

Around 500 people attended two services held at the hospice's HQ where special Christmas trees were lit

The services, led by St Clare chaplain Rev Joyce Smith, gave families the opportunity to reflect and share memories at what for many is a difficult time of year.

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# Lost cuddly toy finds his way home

WHEN a rail passenger found a lost cuddly toy on a train at King's Cross in London, she turned to Twitter to try to help it get

home. Following his exciting journey around Newcastle and thanks to the power of social media and the hashtag #lostbear, his owner - a little girl called Phoebe -was tracked down.

And it turns out he is actually a lion - called

Phoebe's dad, who was Phoebe's dad, who was able to cheer up his teary daughter with the good news, posted on Facebook: "Wow the power of the internet and kind folk – that's my daughter Phoebe's bear – she has been in tears all weekend and I have just shown her the picture and she is over the and she is over the

"Thank you all so much! Phoebe is very much looking forward to being reunited with him."



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A kitten called Olly WANTS TO BE The Hulk





Billy (member 1052), of Barn Mead, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. Morgan (member 666), of Holmes Meadow, Harlow, and Alfie (member 1216), of Charters Cross, Harlow, are both 10; Jason (member 1230), of Bentley Drive, Harlow, is 7.

Lily-Rose (member 507), of

Purford Green, Harlow, is 11

Mia (member 591), of, Shawbridge, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers. **Ronnie** (member 1113), of Arkwrights Harlow, is 6.

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# Phenomenal 2014 line-up of cutting edge comedy

IF you're already dreading the January blues, then fear not - Harlow Playhouse has a packed line-up of cutting edge comedy in the new year.

comedy in the new year.

Big names heading to the venue include Stephen K Amos,

far right, Pete Firman, below left, and Andy Bloom.

Fresh from the Edinburgh Festival, Amos is hitting the
road with a brand new show which has already been
a smash hit success across Australia and New Zealand. Audiences should expect an hour of fun, warmth, big laughs and audience interaction from the master of feelgood comedy.

Amos will appear on Thursday, January 30 with tickets priced at £17.

The highly successful *Live At The Playhouse* returns with another amazing line-up on Saturday, February 8. The unique line-up includes the legendary Adam Bloom, unconventional Keith Fernan, magician and comedian Pete Firman, Matthew Osborn, pictured below, right, and compere Dan Evans.

With a hugely talented roster of comedians to tickle all taste buds, laughter is guaranteed. The night will include a

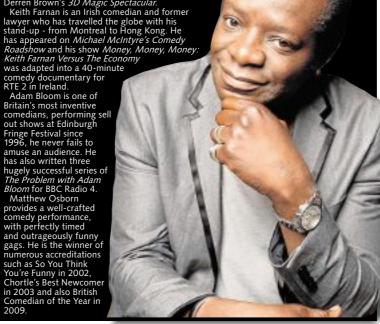


# **GEMMA GARDNER**

variety of magical, observational and alternative comedy.
Pete Firman is the star of *The Magicians* (BBC One), *Dirty Tricks* (Channel 4) and has also appeared on
Derren Brown's *3D Magic Spectacular*.
Keith Farnan is an Irish comedian and former

Britain's most inventive comedians, performing sell out shows at Edinburgh out shows at Edinburgh Fringe Festival since 1996, he never fails to amuse an audience. He has also written three hugely successful series of The Problem with Adam Bloom for BBC Radio 4. Matthew Osborn

provides a well-crafted comedy performance, with perfectly timed and outrageously funny gags. He is the winner of numerous accreditations such as So You Think You're Funny in 2002, Chortle's Best Newcomer in 2003 and also British Comedian of the Year in 2009.



# what's on

**HARLOW PLAYHOUSE** Playhouse Square, Harlow (01279) 431945



TALK Steve Parrish raced at the highest level of motorcycle racing, becoming British Champion in 1976 and finishing fifth in the 1977 500cc World Championship. He then dabbled with sports car racing before moving to truck racing where he won five European truck racing titles. He has been the BBC's commentator for Motor GP since 1988 but he is equally famous in the world of motorsport for his pranks, and the real reason for this show. For *An Evening With* Steve Parrish on February 20 he will be ioined on stage by his Steve's daughter Frankie, who has lived with her father's antics including being driven to school in a hearse. Join Steve as he delivers a fantastically funny evening of true life fun stories. The show starts at 7.30pm and

# **RHODES ARTS CENTRE** Bishop's Stortford (01279) 651746



**COMEDY** Over the decades Mark Thomas has poked his nose into enough things to cause a politician to resign, arms deals to collapse, reform inheritance tax law, force the odd multinational to clean up its act a little and accidentally become Guinness World Record holder for political protests. This year Mark is back to doing what he does best - mischief. He set himself the task of committing 100 acts of minor dissent in the space of a year. This show is his catalogue of those acts from the smallest action to the grandest confrontations. The results are hilarious subversive, mainly legal, and occasionally inspiring. With six series on Channel 4, numerous awards, TV documentaries, three books, a magazine column that caused a diplomatic incident, the occasional arrest, court cases, stopping multi-national infrastructure deals and no small amount of messing about, it's no wonder that Mark is the UK's favourite political comedian. He will be appearing at Rhodes on February 7. The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £20.

# Genie-us! Rhodes' Aladdin is a magical ride

# Aladdin

Rhodes Arts Centre, Bishop's Stortford

FAMILIES who make a beeline for Rhodes in Bishop's Stortford each Christmas will not need telling, so this is directed at all those who, for whatever reason, are 'no shows' each year - lose your panto virginity to Aladdin!

With this year's production, Rhodes and Phoenix Theatre Arts smash their goal of raising the bar. The two-and-a-half hours at Satur-

day's gala night show flew by as quickly as a magic carpet ride from, say, China to Egypt.

The audience were in the mood before they had set foot in the foyer, courtesy of being greeted outside by Santa, a real reindeer called Belle and flurries from a snow machine.

In the auditorium (was it supposed to be that cool?) every aspect of the show resonated with the appreciative audience: the performances, sets, costumes, comedy, choreography, music and make-up – the latter epitomised by Faye Linden as the gloriously golden



Genie of the Ring.

This year's show makes effective use of video, from the opening sequence to the appearance of the Genie of the Lamp (played by mixed martial arts player Will Lynch) to Aladdin's carpet flight from Peking to the land of the

pyramids via Rome, Paris and, erm,

Aladdin marks the return of Rhodes panto villain and Phoenix principal Phil Dale (co-writer with Conor O'Sullivan) as the mystical Abanazar. A man at ease with evil, his badness matches his

Conor plays Sgt Ping, one half of a double act with Dan James as Private Pong, Peking police's finest, who are the focus of the show's slapstick and physical comedy, and do it well. Look out for their dancing costumes.

Grace Wheeler, who swaps genders after playing Cinderella last year, is effortless as Aladdin, matched by Lucy Syed's Princess Jasmine.

Faye Linden's brother, Connor, does a good job of stirring up the boys and girls as Aladdin's brother, Wishee Washee, while Pete Duffy – who won TV talent contest New Faces in 1974 is a world weary Widow Twanky, the boys' mother.

And look out for Ian Greenwood as the coolest Emperor of China – complete with afro, white suit and glittery

platform heels – you'll ever see.
There are topical references and mentions for local businesses – including the 99p Store and Aldi – as well as the usual digs at that new town [Harlow] down the road

Make Aladdin a 'must see' this Christmas - you won't be sorry

Paul Winspear

# **Double Crossword**

The puzzles are different but both use the same grid

# Cryptic Across

- 1. First Scotsman to go down on the road? (7)
- 5. Natural aptitude of blonde accepting pound (5)
- 8. Sri Lankan gets married in the end (5)
- 9. One isn't developing mental strain (7)
- 10. Mark on ship created on a shoestring? (8,4)
- 12. Urgent request for father to return ring (6)
- 14. A purge upsetting the city (6)
- 17. Uncommonly tight? (5,2,1,4)
- 21. Troubled men dare wander at random (7)
- 22. One mainly gloomy house (5)
- 23. Lacks necessities? (5)
- 24. Having good reason to find American soldier in the pub (7)

# Cryptic Down

- 1. Dumb person refusing to plead (4)
- 2. Desert transport arrived and left (5)
- 3. Cover up for girl in a predicament (7)
- 4. Not still to be voted on (6)
- 5. The end of the cup? (5)
- 6. Permanent dwelling (7)
- 7. Covered the brickwork then submitted the account (8)
- 11. He is instrumental in the group (8)
- 13. Maul Peg about with feathers (7)
- 15. Revolutionary way of making progress (7)
- 16. Starry part of a fast rally (6)
- 18. Fame of duo performing in outskirts of Kinross (5)
- 19. Memento of priest in church (5)
- 20. Ground from crude oils (4)

# Quick Across

- 1. Fought (7)
- 5. Clear away spilled liquid
- 8. Climbing plant (5)
- 9. Rice dish (7)
- 10. Deteriorating (2,3,7)
- 12. Dwell (6)
- 14. Pail (6)
- 17. Derbyshire town (12)
- 21. Enthusiastic approval (7)
- 22. Possessed (5)
- 23. Affray (5) 24. Type of lottery (7)

# Ouick Down

- 1. Ball-shaped root (4)
- 2. Practise for sports event (5)
- 3. Hated (7)
- 4. Scoff at (6)
- 5. Pleasant sounds (5)
- 6. Patron saint of Ireland (7)
- 7. Estate (8)
- 11. Cry aloud (8)
- 13. Cut-out design (7)
- 15. Unvarying (7)
- 16. Without delay (6)
- 18. Commerce (5)
- 19. Jargon (5)
- 20. Concept (4)

# Challenge

1. In which country was the Church of England disestablished in 1920? 2. In which Shakespeare play is a dog required to

puzzle

<u></u> drome

- appear on stage? 3. What is the nationality of the 1996 Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek?
- 4. What were medieval trade organisations known as?
- 5. Where does the name Spam come from?

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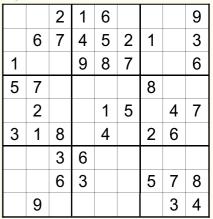
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- 7. Which item of computer hardware incorporates a modulator and a demodulator?
- 8. Which pantomime features the Marquis de Carabas?
- 9. God is known by what name in Rastafarianism?
- 10. What is the occupation of Archie, as played by Tim Roth, in the film Broken?

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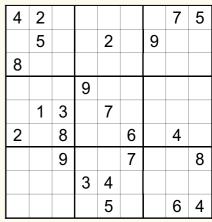
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- 2. What is the standard monetary unit of Costa Rica? 3. What name is given to the rearmost
- oarsman in a crew who controls the rate of rowing?
- 4. Which butterfly (Latin name Polygonia c-album) has ragged edged orange wings with brown markings?
- 5. Which communist trade union leader was famous for his role in the 1960s London dock strikes?

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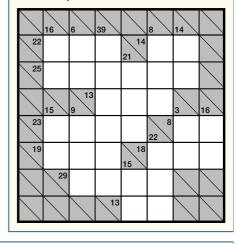


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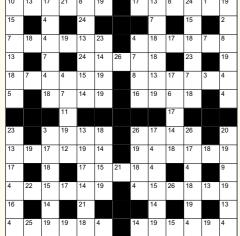
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# **CROSS CODE**

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As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

# **SOLUTIONS**

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# Ben's living the dream in a world of his own



of globe-trotting photographer Sean O'Connell (Sean Penn).

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himself declaring his love to pretty colleague Cheryl (Kristen Wiig).

Arriving for work one morning, Walter learns that the magazine is being shut down to make way for the digital revolution of Life. com. For the front cover of the magazine's final issue, O'Connell has sent a special image

(Shirley MacLaine) and sister Odessa (Kathryn Hahn) to embark on a life-altering quest to track down O'Connell in the icy wilderness of Greenland where the dreamer realises that he has the courage to embrace life after all

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# also new this week

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KEANU Reeves returns to the big screen as a warrior on a mission in this martial arts epic inspired by reallife stories of a group of samurai, who doled out iustice in 18th-century Japan.

Kai (Reeves) is a half-Japanese, half-British outcast, who pledges allegiance to Kuranosuke Oishi (Hirovuki Sanada) the leader of a group of Ronin, whose beloved master was murdered by villainous Lord Kira

(Tadanobu Asano). Kuranosuke and his brethren vow bloody revenge but to get close to their enemy these brave warriors must overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles then face Lord Kira's most trusted and deadly ally, Mizuki (Rinko Kikuchi), a wicked sorceress armed with lethal spells.

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# Your stars with Patrick Arundell to guide you through the week ahead

Aries 21 March - 20 April a As one year comes to a close and another begins, and as you finalise your New Year's resolutions, some kind of refocusing may be going on in terms of your hopes for the future, and your goals. A wonderful New Moon mid week can help the process. But you must be mindful of how your actions will impact on those close to you Aries. Call for more article.

Do things that cosset and nurture yourself. Some gentle pursuits can be the perfect way to embrace the New Year If you are feeling more strident the crackling energy between Mars in your sign, and Uranus may see you doing something mindful impact es. Call for more astral advice...

Taurus 21 April - 21 May Scorpio 24 Oct - 22 Nov f you have been given any kind of new technology over the festive Developing new interests and stimulation to your world, are likely to be big hopes as 2014 begins. If you are travelling period, the chances are you'll find yourself fascinated with all th this week, on holiday or fo new features at your disposal. O work, you really can enjoy the if you're more of a technophobe change of scenery. Yet, if you unravelling the more complex circumstances make it hard to do this, you can suffer a sense elements Conversations linked of frustration, even irritation. Call now for more news and astra seemingly from nowhere. Call for

Gemini 22 May - 21 June If you've set your heart on a big ticket item, you can find yourself actively scanning the January sales to see what value you can gain. On the other hand, you could be thinking more of conserving your finances. Indeed, if you have an entrepreneurial streak, 2014 can see you determined to improve your lot through your own efforts. Call for your financial forecast...

Cancer 22 June - 23 July Capricorn 22 Dec - 20 Jan With a sparkling New Moon in your sector Your determination to crack on with key hopes of relating, on the face of and aspirations is going to be hopeful of improvements in key someone close to you may be relationships. But, with Venus the finding it ore difficult to accep ruler of partnerships continuing your plan, even running all the in retrograde, you'd be wise not way to hostility. As much as this to take anything for granted. A disruptive influence suggests conflicting points of view may be may frustrate, try to take the time to explain what you want to do, and they may become more hard to reconcile. Call for more availing. Call for more advice...

Leo 24 July - 23 Aug
New Year's Eve is likely
to see you celebrate, but
soon after, you can find yourself
thinking much more seriously
about health, fitness and dietary
issues. If you are passionate
about improving in these areas,
the planets come together
marvellously well to help you. Yet,
what you shouldn't try to do is do
too much. Pace yourself Leo Call
for your in-depth forecast...

Virgo 24 Aug - 23 Sep Your creative energies are going to be very high. If you'd like to develop new hobbies or interests this year, this gives you the perfect platform to investigate what's available. You often have a great talent for any activity that involves cratting, great concentration or even cooking. Latin American dancing could also appeal. Call now for more news and advice..

Pisces 20 Febr - 20 March
If you find yourself with
a rather impulsive desire
to splash cash in the sales,
this is in part due to the clash
between Mars and Uranus, which
is on-going. Yet, the big picture
suggests you focus on long range
plans, your friendships, and your
social world. And this can be a
surprisingly up-beat start to the
New Year Pisces. Call for your
financial scope in full...

Aquarius 21 Jan - 19 Feb

If you've been given

vet had the time to grapple with

you can relish the opportunity of cocooning yourself away to

enjoy them. Any books to do with

selfimprovement, psychology or even astrology, can intrigue. Yet

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OME things never change, and plenty of people like it that way. The question I'm pondering is whether you can or cannot apply that reasoning to the new Honda Civic Tourer.

The Civic has a duality to its reputation that no other car can quite match. On one hand, you have the boy racer's favourite, with screaming VTEC petrol engines and pin-sharp chassis dynamics. On the other hand, you have the safe, anonymous and imperiously reliable hatchback popular with the elderly.

But this new Civic Tourer aims to end both stigmas once and for all by putting young families directly in its sights. Honda says the compact estate category is growing again, and wants to ride the crest of the wave.

So I shall do my best to look at the car through a family man's

The Tourer's long, sleek profile is fantastic, although the surface detailing is upset slightly by the bodywork-flush glass around the

# Fact File

Honda Civic 1.8 i-VTEC SR Tourer

PRICE £24,350

ENGINE: TRANSMISSION: PERFORMANCE:

1.8-litre four-cylinder Six-speed manual gearbox Top speed 130mph

ECONOMY: 44.3mpg CO<sup>2</sup> RATING: 146g/km

boot area that sits incongruously next to the door windows, naturally slightly recessed and edged by visible rubber seals.

'Will the family man really worry about that though?' I ask myself. Maybe not. He'll definitely worry about boot

He'll definitely worry about boot space, though, so I lift the impressively well-assisted tailgate – an easy job for one hand – and peer into space. Literally. There's 624 litres of it, which is class leading and 19 litres ahead of the Golf estate.

Some 117 litres of that space is under the main boot floor in a

separate, covered compartment. It's an ingenious feature that saves cases, coats and bags from pinging about inside the boot like the plastic marbles in a game of Hungry Hippos.

The fuel tank has been shifted forward, too, to underneath the front seats, to allow for maximum boot space.

There are also plenty of cubbyholes and storage solutions in the cabin, including a big central storage bin that doubles as the location for the multiple media input ports and one of the two 12-volt power sockets that should let the kids charge a compatible device on the move.

Enough of the family man charade, though: I want to drive the thing to see whether it's more 'young gun' or 'old chap' – or neither.

Firstly, the ride is very good, with this SR model's Adaptive Damper System in Normal mode doing a sterling job of quelling bounce but also absorbing the many bumps.

The suspension is a bit loud at times, but the overall experience is great.

Secondly, the wide, soft seats are comfier than my own sofa.

But thirdly, and frustratingly, the two digital screens are jarringly old-school in their look and function. Graphics seemingly aping the 1982 film Tron don't help, and the way the collected buttons and digital sub-menus are designed and laid out simply isn't user-friendly.

Another negative point is the steering, which on the open road is far too light and completely devoid of feel, or gives the impression thereof, to a degree I've almost never experienced before.

To give it its due, the system is comfortable in town, so the school run, multi-storey car parks and low-speed lane-changes in traffic are all dismissed with ease, but the utter lack of weight or feel can be disconcerting at speed, despite the steering system being very direct and quick to respond.

The petrol engine is smoother and quieter than the gutsier and more frugal diesel, so you'll need to do the maths on whether the fuel economy and road tax savings – it's free for the diesel – are enough to overcome the near-£1,200 price hike.

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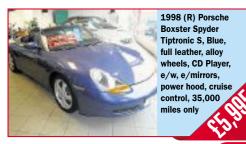
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2006 (06) Mercedes SL500 Convertible Automatic, blue (light), alloy wheels climate control, sat nav, light grey leather, heated electric memory seats cruise control, parking sensors, remote locking, e/w, e/f/m, 22,000 miles heautiful car fantastic example Was £26.995 Now £19.995

2009 (09) Mercedes S320 CDi Automatic, silver, AMG alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, front & rear parking sensors, e/w, heated electric memory leather seats, sat nav 

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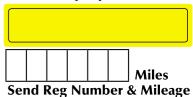








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MARIE voluptuous female looking for discreet male and supply guy to help me get back into shage and enjoy adult fun along the way. What are you waiting for call me. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 405285 @ No: 40528

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MALE 38, attractive 38, intelligent, nice personality, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, seeks caring, attractive, slim female, 28-40 for lasting relationship. Tel No. 0006 500, 255

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GEORGE 6ft, genuine, honest, N/S, looking for sincere female. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 406991

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YOUNG 70's East London gent, seeks lady up to 75, any nationality up to 75 for meals out, quiet drinks, close friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 406443

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BLACK male, seeks white female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 405703

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MARK single dad, 5ft 6ins, brown hair/e GENUINE sincere, caring, loyal male, 48, likes country walks, seeks female with no children, 38-41 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 408723 🗓 seeking fun loving lady for relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box No: 406293

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ALAN 43, seeking female for friendship, possible romance. Tel No: 0906 500 3656 Box FRIENDLY honest, down to earth male, seeks require lady 58-62 Kent Tel No: 0906 500 genuine lady, 58-62. Kg 3656 Box No: 354119

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